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C O N F I D E N T I A L TEHRAN 5717

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: SHUM, IR  
SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL RED CROSS (IRC) REPORTS TO SHAH ON  
PRISON VISITS.

REF: TEHRAN 3943

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1. TEHRAN MEDIA JUNE 27 CARRIED STORY OF IRC VISIT BY  
ALEXANDER HAY, MEMBER OF IRC DELEGATION WHICH VISITED IRAN-  
IAN PRISONS IN APRIL/MAY 1977 (SEE REFTEL) TO PRESENT IRC REPORT  
TO SHAH. ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNT, IRC COMMITTEE OF THREE VISIT-  
ED 20 PRISONS CONTAINING 3,087 PRISONERS. REPORT WAS PRESENTED  
TO SHAH JUNE 25. NO STATEMENT WAS MADE REGARDING POSSIBLE  
RELEASE OF ALL OR PARTS OF REPORT.  
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1. IN HIS INITIAL CALL JUNE 27 ON MAJLES SPEAKER RIAZI,  
AMBASSADOR RAISED MATTER OF REPORT AND LEARNED THAT RIAZI,  
WHO IS ALSO A VICE-PRESIDENT OF RED LION AND SUN (IRANIAN  
RED CROSS), HAD ENTERTAINED IRC GROUP WHILE THEY WERE IN  
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IRAN. RIAZI SAID HE THOUGHT GROUP HAD DONE A GOOD JOB AND  
ADDED THEIR REPORT WOULD PROBABLY BE VERY POSITIVE.

2. DURING AMBASSADOR'S INITIAL MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER  
HOVEYDA, JUNE 28, PM WENT ON A GREAT LENGTH ABOUT IRC  
VISIT, AND TOLD AMB THAT SHAH HAD INFORMED HEY THAT

IRC RETURN VISITS COULD BE MADE AT ANY TIME, AND GROUP  
COULD GO ANYWHERE AND SEE ANY PRISON THEY WISHED. MEDIA  
SAID SIMPLY THAT IRC WOULD PAY FURTHER VISITS TO GATHER  
INFORMATION.

3. EMBASSY COMMENT: FROM ABOVE REACTIONS, IT WOULD APPEAR  
THAT IRC REPORT WAS POSITIVE AND IRANIANS ARE PLEASED BUT  
PLAYING IT LOW KEY. EMBOFF HEARD PRIVATELY THAT  
ONE IRC DELEGATE, AFTER VISIT EVIN PRISON, REMARKED  
RATHER WISTFULLY TO SWISS FRIEND HERE THAT HE WOULDN'T MIND  
SPENDING WENK AT EVIN, SINCE IT SD ON BALANCE BETTER  
THAN HIS HOTEL (NAME UNKNOWN). EMBASSY BELIEVES APPARENTLY  
POSITIVE EXPERIENCE OF THIS VISIT AND PREPARATION FOR IT,  
PROBABLY HAD HEALTHY EFFECT ON IRANIAN PRISON SITUATION.

4. FOR GENEVA: EMBASSY AWARE IRC REPORTS GIVEN ONLY TO  
HOST GOVERNMENT, BUT IF INFO FROM, OR EXCERPTS OF, REPORT  
ON IRAN ARE OBTAINABLE ON CONFIDENTIAL BASIS, THEY WOULD  
BE OF INTEREST HHERE. SULLIVAN

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